

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1248

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jacob Edward Drake,
2008 Salutatorian of Dickson County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Edward Drake is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Jacob has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Drake has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous other accolades; he was a delegate to the American Legion Boys State and won the Wendell Hudson American History Award; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Jacob has been a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including Youth Leadership Dickson County, the school football team, the Dickson County History Club, Key Club International, and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, he has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including Above the Rim Basketball, Operation Christmas Child, and several church mission trips; and

WHEREAS, preparing himself for the rigors of adult life, Mr. Drake has worked at Montgomery Bell State Park since 2006 as a cashier and front desk attendant; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drake's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jimmy and Cindy Drake, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Dickson County High School Salutatorian, Jacob Edward Drake, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.